METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR SHARING AUTHENTICATION INFORMATION BETWEEN MULTIPLE SERVERS

ABSTRACT

One embodiment of the present invention provides a system that facilitates sharing authentication information between a plurality of servers within a distributed computing system. Upon receiving a communication from a client at a first server, the system determines whether the client is known to the first server. If the client is unknown to the first server, the first server generates a first identifier for the client, and then communicates this first identifier to the client. The first server also directs the client to communicate the first identifier to the authentication server, so that the authentication server can attempt to associate the first identifier with a known client.